

EGG NOG



LATELY I'VE BEEN GETTING HORRIBLY UNORIGINAL WHEN I MAKE UP THESE TEXTS FOR LINEAR SEPARATOR

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THE OVERSTUFFED RECLINER

This is my column, which consists of lengthy musical comments and occasionally some Diplomacy stuff. Enjoy!

MUSICAL COMMENTARY: HEADING

The Flowers of Evil album was recorded by Mountain (Leslie West guitar & vocals, Felix Pappalardi bass, Corky Laing drums, Steve Knight keyboards, David Perry rhythm guitar), about whom (or which) I will now inform you:

Mountain was built around Leslie West's guitar works, and became a very strong group until fading from view in 1974. Mountain came about when Felix Pappalardi, producer of Cream, the Youngbloods, and the Lovin' Spoonful, met up with the New York band the Vagrants' immense guitarist West. After

both Cream and the Vagrants died, Felix produced a West solo album. So impressed was the visionary producer that he quickly formed a band around Leslie's unique talents. (In this case Leslie is male, guys.) Friends of Pappalardi's were marched in to fill in the spots. This lineup produced some of the finest Mountain songs ("For Yagur's Farm," "Mississippi Queen," "Nantucket Sleighride") and was still going strong when problems arose in the ranks. Felix grew tired of being a performer and left the group in 1972. Knight left as well. West and Laing teamed with ex-Cream bassist Jack Bruce before embarking on the short-lived West & Laing group...which, after Bruce's departure evolved into the even-shorter-lived Leslie West's Wild West Show which, in 1974, evolved into a retreaded Mountain with Pappalardi and Perry joining again for a few months. By 1975 Mountain was dead, and West's solo career stiffed. Today the sounds of Leslie West are no longer being captured on wax, which is a shame...

(Sorry to get carried away, but...)

BACK ISSUE AND SPARE STUFF SALE:

Lot's of stuff has been grabbed already, so hurry if you want anything. Available now is (are), in packs of at least 5 issues, EGGNOGs ##21, 30, 33-34, 38-39. POLITICIANS 1-3, 6. STRANGE BREW 23. SWLABs 3-4, 9, 14. These back issues can be bought now (while supplies last -- boy, am I hamming it up!) for 1¢/page plus postage. (Cont'd Page 3)

EGGNOG DEMONSTRATION GAME

From STRANGE FREN #25: 1979L

Fall 1906 & Supply Centers

ENGLAND(Kendter Sr): A Hol-Kie, A Yor-Nwy, A Den S A Hol-Kie, F Ska-Swe, A Nwy-Fin, F Bar-StP(nc), F Bot S A Nwy-Fin, F Nth C A Yor-Nwy

FRANCE(Bunke): A Kie-Mun, A Bur & A Ruh S A Kie-Mun, A Gas S A Bur, F Mid & F Spa(sc) H

ITALY(Harmon): A Tri R Ven. A Tyl-Tri, A Ven S A Tyl-Tri, A Vie-Bud/R Boh, OTB/ A Alb-Syr, F Ion & F Gas & A Alb-Syr

RUSSIA(Hyatt): A Fin-Nwy/a/, A StP S A Fin-Nwy, A Mos S A StP, F Ber H, A Mun-Tyl/R Boh, OTB/, A Sil S F Ber, A Pru-Lva, A Gal-Vie, A Bud & A Tri, S A Gal-Vie, A Gre-Smy, F Aeg C A Gre-Smy, A Ser S A Tri, A Rum-Bul

Supply Center Chart for 1906: ENG: Home, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Swe, Den, Kie; 9, Bld 1. FRA: Home, Spa, Por, Kie, Mun: 6, Even. ITA: Home, Tun, Kie, Tri: 4, Rem 1 or 2 (depending on Retreat). RUS: Home, Rum, Ser, Bud, Coh, Ank, Smy, Bul, Ber, Gre, Tri, Vie: 15, Bld 2 or 3 (depending on Retreat).

All draw votes failed of unanimity.

1979LANALYSIS -- FALL 1906

By Eric Verheiden

Hmmm ... isn't that game over yet? The only occurrence of much interest this time around was that Italy misplayed the season. He should have dislodged R F Aeg and used A Alb for the defense of Trieste. Now he has a removal (after the predicted mutual annihilation of I A Vie and R A Mun). He should take off A Syr and write off Smyrna. If he takes off one of the remaining northern armies, Harmon could jeopardize the homeland and his position in a draw, though likely not the draw itself.

Hyatt will lose StP this spring, but he can hold Berlin, most easily with A StP-Mos, A Mos-War, A War-Pru to save the army. If Russia should take the Italian home center, he will

have 17. Seventeen is not 18, hence the draw will stand. The key center for the west is Tunis, which barring a suddenly civil disorder Italy, France should be able to grab long before Russia with a single southern fleet can.

France wandering into Tunis regardless in hopes of cutting the draw to three ways is a possibility, remote mainly for diplomatic reasons. England might have to send fleets into the Mid as a back-up if things went sour.

1977KG WRAP-UP BY PLAYERS

DOUG HOLLINGSWORTH (The Spend-thrift, England): Konrad's analysis of this game is quite apt, except that it misses the flavor of the game at the time that the English-German (and later, Russian) alliance was put together. The original Russian, German and English players dropped out of the game quickly, and Fred Winter, the French player, had decided to do whatever Italy wanted in reprisal from some early insult inflicted by Germany. Confronted by the threat of Austria and Italy running away with the game before the replacement players could get organized, Germany took the lead in masterminding a counter-strategy. Our original plan was to eliminate Russia and then try to get Italy to attack Austria. When events got ahead of us, the logical next move was to play defense.

I can't help but wonder if the game would have ended differently if Italy had continued to play as boldly as he did in the first few game years.

BEN SCHILLING (Italy): Well, this one finally ended. I think the biggest problem was the delay between Fall 1902 and Spring 1903. It only took about a year (and a replay) for that one. This game was just a bit strange. I mean, how often does France convoy an Italian army from North Africa to

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1972KG Wrap-Up Cont'd:

Portugal in Fall 1902? Unfortunately, due to the fact that Fred Winter (France) was in Greece at the time we finally got to Spring 1903, and then missed the move, I didn't get my move to Brets in that season. In exchange for all this Franch largesse, I was going to elect Fred Pope, so that he could excommunicate German Army Berlin (his example). That's just one of the strange antics in this game. I do want to thank Mike Lariton for being a good ally all of the way through the game. As it turned out we were the only original players left in the game at the end. We may have started out a bit shaky, but we managed to work things out to a mutually satisfying solution in most cases. Thanks also to all standbys for keeping the game going and especially to Konrad for picking up the game when no one else would.

KONRAD AGAIN: I do that gladly for as many games as I do when people are as polite as they usually are. Without cooperation no games at all could be salvaged; in this case, Ben was the guy that was kind enough to give me all of the stats up to the period I took over the game, including addresses, and had already made most of the arrangements for me! That makes my work a lot easier, and I appreciate that kind of thoughtfulness! Thanks again....

TRIVIA TIME (Last time?)

Last issue I didn't have the room to publish the winners of the latest trivia contest. After that, I seem to have misplaced the whole trivia file I had, including new questions (there weren't too many of those anyway), names of winners and participants, and answers -- the whole thing! In any case, I've grown tired of making up questions for a while, and will sit back while the craze catches on in other 'zines. I'm sorry to those who played along last time, but I just don't remember who you all are... Of course, there's always the possibility that I'll come back and do a few quizzes in a few months, but for now I've run out of ideas. If any

of you guys try to do that many questions for so long, I'm sure you will understand... Thanks again to all contestants over the last few months.

THE OVERSTUFFED RECLINER (Cont'd):

I also have a few games (well, not nearly as many as I used to) which I would like to sell: Siege of Constantinople and South Africa. Both of these were Strategy & Tactics edition games, now selling from SPI for up to \$12 apiece, so they're dirt cheap for just \$2 each. (I don't want 'em since I don't have the time to play 'em, and since I bought them with the issue I'm not losing much either). grab them while you can.

WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING

Also published here monthly is my variant-oriented zine, POLITICIAN. It's already seen 6 issues, and the last two have each had a new variant (by me) using the normal board. Subscriptions are 10/\$3.50, same as EGGNOG, and POLITICIAN will normally have all the variant news that's fit to print, and some that isn't. The press wars are going stronger than some of the ones on the boards, so each issue has plenty of diverse reading material. Open is a Youngstown variant game which still needs two more people to sign up for it at a fee of \$2; map and rules supplied free with entry. The Youngstown variant, of course, is the most popular variant to date...

DIPLOMACY CONVENTION XIII

I have heard from Rod Walker that DipCon XIII would be held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in conjunction with MichiCon, on the weekend of June 6-8, which is the one weekend out of the entire summer which I can not make, so all of my DipCon plans get dunked in shit for this year (again). I read somewhere (VOD?) that Mark Barch had something to do with the DipCon this (Cont'd Page 4)

The Overstuffed Recliner Cont'd.

year, so direct inquiries to him. I wonder whether or not Mark knew that there are an immense amount of High School graduations, weddings, vacations, etc which all take off during the first week of June? I feel that anybody who schedules a convention at that time hasn't been using his brain on the matter. I can distinctly remember that DipCons of old were held in July or even August, which was much smarter. There are just too many things happening right after summer breaks, and some of them are happening to me... so it might be another three years before I get a chance to go to a DipCon, if we stick by the current system (East, Central, West, East...). Damn. After I heard about this I got really po'd for a while.

THE NINTH CIRCLE UPDATE

Last issue I announced that Dave Bunke's gamezine had folded and that I was going to pick up the pieces. I did. All of the games are now rehoused, and I was glad to receive a lot of offers for taking the games, most of which I accepted. NOBY GRAPE is now carrying the remaining games until completion. Thanks go to the players, too, who made the process so smooth, and to Dave, who gave the publishing community an excellent demonstration of how to responsibly handle ending publication; he even transferred all of the players' money to me!

This will doubtless be continued later in the zine, but I want to kill a few letters before I go to sleep...

LETTERCOLUMN

Larry Boudon (1/24): ...I can't send you the money for EGGNOG #12 until I know how much to send. ((\$2 will do the trick, Larry.)) By the way, have you ever considered running a game of Machiavelli? I've been looking for an opening in some 'zine for a while and I thought maybe you'd give it a shot. If you ever do start up a game, please sign me up for a position.

[Thanks for writing! No, I wouldn't be the one to open a Machiavelli game here; besides, I've never even bought a set, so I'd be at a slight disadvantage. The only opening I know of presently is in The Flying Dutchman, run by Jack Brawner, 2745 38th Ave S, Apt 260, St. Petersburg, FL 33712; subs there are 12/\$5 and gamefree \$2. Jack has so far run a tight ship (pub more or less intended), and it's about full, so be sure to hurry! In any case, even if I had a set and wanted to open a game, I can't because of the space limitations in EGGNOG these days. Every issue in the last few months (since September) has been either a double issue, or 12 pages long at the least. I can't do that for ever unfortunately, because I have enough material to do so. Thanks again... and I hope that publishers with openings in Machiavelli will contact Larry at P.O. Box 27527, River Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14627.]

Bob Sergeant (1/28): ((He thanks me for relocating a game, and,...)) while I'm writing. I just want to mention that if I never hear of Curtis Gibson again, I will die a happy man. When I was asked to take over a game from Austerlitz, I had no idea that I was letting myself in for all this trouble. I think there's a better case for banning Gibson from the hobby than Oaklyn.

And now that I mentioned Oaklyn, I want to make myself clear about him since I don't intend to support the call for banning him from games.

I think there is only so much you can do to protect novices. If after all the warning about him that have appeared novices can still be persuaded to enroll in his games, then those novices have a subconscious desire to be ripped off.

I am an old believer in the adage where there's smoke, there's fire. Anyone who would buy Oaklyn's argument that his playing in a 'zine constitutes endorsement of his own 'zine is incapable of being saved from himself.

I am philisophically opposed to "blackballing," which is essen-

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tially what the hobby seems to be planning. Like there is no way to prevent Gibson from postal character defamation (unless someone actually wants to sue him for libel) there is no way I can see to get Bernie to cleanup his act. But to get Bernie to stop by eliminating him from the hobby is something I do not choose to participate in. I admit that I ousted Gibson, but I left him the room to stop his activities and find some other 'zine. I even gave him every opportunity to do so in my 'zine. But alas.

[Bob brings up a good point. Despite the popular claim that there are dozens of novices entering the hobby every month, they don't all go to Uncle Bernie in search of a postal game, do they? There is currently a circular going around to many gamemasters (which I was one of the first signers of) which deals with Qaklyn. If you haven't seen it yet, you will. If novices don't use their own brains on a matter like this, our guiding them from evil isn't necessarily the way to go, either. And Bernie isn't the only incompetent gamemaster in the hobby, or the only dishonest one. He's just the most obvious and least devious. (If he were more devious, we wouldn't have found out about him so quickly.) Sp thanks for writing, Bob.]

David Perlmutter (?): I agree with your condemnation of Curtis Gibson's anti-German statements ((in VOB #3)). On a plane of logic I also condemn Curtis, but on a plane of emotion I am in concordance with Curtis.

I am Jewish. My father's father was born in Brest-Litovk and came to this country to escape the pogroms. My father was born in Boston. During the Second World War his family lost many relations and friends to the concentration camps. Our name is, though Germanic (Perlmutter = mother of Pearl). My mother is Greek Orthodox. She was a child during the German occupation of Greece. Her father had received the Croix de Guerre in the previous World War against German units.

Yes, Kenrad, I am prejudiced against people who openly affirm their German

heritage. I can't get over the picture of millions of people shouting "Zieg Heil" and thinking "Where are they now?" A German ancestry and affirmation of that fact is not bad. I know this, yet I can never make myself lose the shadow of distrust I hold for Germans. This kind of feeling is widespread. In Europe one finds that German tourists are openly disliked. Perhaps this is yet another one of Hitler's legacy's. He has left a blot on the whole German people that not even time may erase.

Another letter from D. Perlmutter
Now first of all let be clear about something would be the to admit I have always been prejudiced against people who openly affirm the German heritage... ((Then goes on to less offensive matters.))

[Normally, if I got letters like these, I'd write back and ask if it would be OK with the author if I were to print the letter. If not, then fine. But in this case, in a cover note with the first letter, he emphatically states that he wants me to print the letter, and who am I to refuse? If he wants to do himself in so badly, let him! (I assumed that if he wanted to have the first one in print, adding the small excerpt from his second communique would be OK without consulting him.) I took care to make sure that I typed his letters exactly as they appeared spelling and structure-wise, too. I can't see why he would object to this (and he has not, so...).

First I should state that the real horror of the Third Reich lay not in the camps themselves (after all, every major power had them -- in fact the Germans first learned about them from the British, and a few members of my family can tell you about Soviet concentration camps and labor camps) but the mentality that produced them. That mentality was composed of distrust, deep-seated

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hatred, jealousy, etc. It would appear that Mr Perlmutter frankly admits that he has the same basic symptoms in reverse, i.e. Jew vs German instead of vice versa. If I were Jewish, or a psychiatrist, I'm sure he'd be even more open in his feelings. I don't understand what makes German hatred for one people bad while allowing Jewish hatred for another people to be good. Care to explain?

Second, I have been extremely fortunate to have been born into a family which could afford to send me on trips everywhere every year, all around the globe. I've travelled in Europe most of all, having been there 11 or 12 times, and never for less than a month at a stint. In Europe you name it, I've been there. I have never been looked down upon for any reason whatsoever, and know of nobody who has had that experience. Only once in my entire travelling experience have I ever had that kind of thing happen to me, and that was in Puerto Rico (San Juan, about 2 years ago last Christmas) when my family and I walked into a restaurant at our hotel which was occupied by, ironically, almost all Jewish people (almost everybody there was Jewish -- bad sentence). There I did feel out of place, and the people there certainly did there share to make me feel unwelcome, but that's the way it goes. Since I'm not even 20 years old, it would be a little absurd to argue that I had something to do with their suffering, wouldn't it? I wonder how many people really do feel that way everywhere they go in Europe, as Mr Perlmutter seems to think.

Third, Gibson doesn't really just hate Germans. See some of his anti-Semitic remarks in past Brutus Bulletins. He's not terribly particular about whom he hates; he has also announced his dislike of Slavs, etc.

Fourth, I thank David for sending me an unused stamp this time around. The lightly cancelled ones he sent with his first inquiry wouldn't have helped my police record at all.

Poor David. He openly distrusts about 100,000,000 Germans; what about Aus-

trians and Sudeten-Germans? What about the millions upon millions of Americans of German descent? At one time in the not-too-distant past, almost one third of all Americans made of direct German descent. That's a lot of people. I would be very longly, hating all of those. (Of maybe I'm just too trusting; after all, no matter who the cashier at a bank may be, I never count my change or stuff like that; they can be German, Jewish, Russian; white, black, yellow, red, or blue for that matter...)

Oh well.../

If and when more interesting letters came in between today (Wednesday) and deadline day (tomorrow), I'll print them, but I might not even have room. Several things got pushed out of this issue into the next because of space constraints...

DIPLOMACY WORLD is out! Jerry Jones, 1854 Wagner Street, Pasadena, CA 91107 has just put out the fourth issue of his very own, and it's pretty good! One year for \$4 gives you four quarterly issues of 40 pages each; photo-reproduced, it's the only professional 'zine in the hobby. This last issue, rec'd 2/5/80, had a good deal of material on tournaments, running and rating thereof. Also, the winning essay of the Ed Birsan Stab Awards (Leland Harmon, of course!), and some good stuff by Dave White and Rod Walker. This is the premier 'zine in the hobby.

BEEN DOING SOME READING lately, & even have some books to recommend. Nikolai Tolstoy's The Secret Background is an excellent work, as is Wilfried Strik-Strikfeldt's book Against Stalin & Hitler. Of course, I've also been reading some Solzhenitsyn, the quality of which is already well-known. (I've had to write a thesis on a related topic, so hit the library again...).

Also been reading more of Agatha Christie, just to kill a few hours which Dippy didn't take up (few indeed).

1979CU -- Spring 1903

AUSTRIA(White): A Gal S RUSSIAN A
Mos-War, A Vie S RUSSIAN A Bud-Tri
/neo; R Bud, Boh, OTH/
ENGLAND(Counselman): F Nwg S F Nth,
F Nth O A Lon-Hol, A Lon-Hol
FRANCE(Hollingsworth): A Par-Pie,
A Bel & A Ruh S ENGLISH A Lon-Hol
A Bur S A Ruh, F Spa(ne) H, F Eng
S ENGLISH F Nth
GERMANY(Cooper): A Den S A Kia, F
Hol S ENGLISH F Nth/R Hol, OTH/
A Kia S F Hol, A Bar S A Mun, A
Lun S A Kia
ITALY(Pfohl): A War-Gal/R Lvn, Pru,
Ukr, OTH/, A Tri-Vie, A Tyl S A
Tri-Vie, F Adr-Tri, F Ion-Alb, F
Nap-Ion
RUSSIA(Harding): A Mos-War, A Bud-
Rum, A Rum-Sev, F Bla S A Rum-Sev,
A StP & F Nwy H, F Swe S F Nwy
TURKEY(Van Alkemade): A Bul-Ser,
F Con-Bul(ec), A Smy-Arm, A Ank-
Con, F Gre H

Phil Harding has resigned, because
he no longer has time to play postal
Diplomacy. Taking over the Russian
position will be Eric Bzog, 1526 N.
Lawler Avenue, Chicago, IL 60651. I
believe that Eric has all applic-
able addresses. (If not, he'll
tell me about it on Sunday anyway.)
Fall 1903 is due March 6, 1980.

CONSTANTINOPLE: In view of the con-
fusing and conflicting reports re-
ceived here from Turkey's Embassies
throughout Europe, the Sultan order-
ed a complete, total, and absolute
news blackout. There will also be
a moratorium on diplomatic corres-
pondence in effect from February 3
through 19 (or 23 or 26, or sometime
around there), while the Sultan at-
tends a special course at the War Col-
lege of Gcm.

THE SPENDTHRIFT: Jerry, if you are
truly going to attack Russia, as you
say, yours is the noisiest surprise
attack I have ever seen.

AUSTRIA TO TURKEY:

It's been written often in books
And by the last results it looks
Like it can safely be said

By the moves you just made
There is indeed no honor among crooks!

AUSTRIA TO RUSSIA: tubes
It would seem I'm going down the /
At the hands of incompetent BOOBS
But I'll fight to the death--
Either the very last breath,
Or until I lose the last of the cube
AUSTRIA TO ITALY:
There once was a fellow named Pfohl
Who accomplished his singular goal
Thru an element of surprise
And adroitly told lies,
He's put Austria in a deep hole.
EGGNOG TO AUSTRIA: Last time I
did not get any moves with your
master, though it's possible that
I overlooked them...but the chances
are very much against that. I al-
ways make sure that I have every-
thing before I throw away an en-
velope. Really.

EGGNOG #12 -- 1980J -- Spring 1901

(Note the Boardman Number assigned
by Lee Kendter, 1980J. Please use
this number in all correspondence
with the Gamesmaster, especially
when submitting moves. It is re-
quired information. Thank you...)

AISTRIA(Rodriguez): A Vie-Tri, A
Bud-Ser, F Tri-Alb
ENGLAND(Hurst): F Lon-Nth, F Edi-
Nwg, A Lvp-Edi
FRANCE(Counselman): A Par-Bur, A
Mar S A Par-Bur, F Bre-Mid
GERMANY(Boudon): F Kia-Hol, A Mun-
Ruh, A Ber-Mun
ITALY(Gsueh): A Ven-Pie, A Rom H,
F Nap-Tyn
RUSSIA(Parker): F StP(sc)-Bot, A
War-Gal, A Mos-Ukr, F Sev-Rum
TURKEY(Wakefield): A Smy H, A Con-
Bul, F Ank-Con

Looks like the game is off to an
interesting start! Fall 1901 moves
are due here by March 6, 1980 at
the absolute latest. Press follows:

ROME: Due to a rather vague re-
versal in French policy, the Ital-
ian government today chose not to
antagonize their northern neigh-
bors, and instead to antagonize
their western ones.

BERLIN: As the war flares up all
over Europe, the Kaiser has decid-

1980J Continued:

ed on a bold economic maneuver to bring all of Europe into submission. "The beer embargo," says the German Emperor, "will cause a deterioration in the morale of all nations as they will not be able to numb the effects of battle anymore." Meanwhile, the French are imposing a wine embargo, the Russians a vodka embargo...

LONDON: Lord Thomas today confirmed the persistent rumor that the Norwegians have agreed to be annexed into the realm. He stated that he felt obliged to accede to the request for humanitarian reasons -- to protect Norway from the ravages of the war soon to overrun Europe. In return, the people of Norway have promised to provide the manpower to outfit another fleet. God save the Queen!

1979IJ -- Fall 1902

(I brilliantly typed "1979IL" last time when I meant "1979IJ". Sorry about that, but this game really is 1979IJ, and please call it that in the future; my files were really screwed up last time!)

AUSTRIA (Buecha): A Ser-Bul, F Aeg S
RUSSIAN A Bul-Con, A Tri-Ven, F Adr
S A Tri-Ven, A Vie-Tyl.

ENGLAND (Geminani): F Nwy-Nth/nw/
A Yor-Lyo, F Nth-Lon, F Nwg H/un/

FRANCE (Collins): F Spa(sp)-Mid, F
Eng-Wal, A Bel-Hol, A Bur-Mun, A
Cas-Bur

GERMANY (Sulsberger): A Mun S A Ber-
Kie, A Ruh-Hol, F Hel S A Ber-Kie,
A Ber-Kie

ITALY (Kador): A Ven H, A Rom S A Ven,
F Tyn-Ion, F Tun S F Tyn-Ion, A Kie-
Hol/R Den, QTB/, that's it

RUSSIA (Lee): B StP(nc)-Nwy, F Swe S
F StP(nc)-Nwy, A War-Lyo, A Arm-Smy
A Bul-Con, F Bla S A Bul-Con, A
Rum-Ukr

TURKEY (Bouda): A Con S AUSTRIAN R
Aeg-Bul(sp)/a/, F Ank S A Con, A
Sey S F Ank

Supply Center Chart for 1902: AUS:
Home, Ser, Gre, Bul: 6, Bld 1. ENG:
Home: 3, Even. FRA: Home, Spa, Por,

Bela 6, Bld 1. GER: Ber, Kie,
Hol, Mun, Nth: 4, Even. ITA: Home,
Tun, Nth, Den: 5, Even. (For Ger-
many and Italy I assume that A Kie
R Den. Orders can be conditional.)
RUS: Home, Swe, Rum, Nth, Con, Nwy:
8, Bld 1. TUR: Smy, Ank, Spt: 2,
Even.

Winter 1902 & Spring 1903 both due
March 6, 1900. Propaganda today:

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (1 Apr 1902): In
a joint statement the Prime Rib Min-
ister announced the formal Treaty
of Alliance between Austrian and
Russia. The terms of the treaty in-
volved the mutual defense and mil-
itary assistance of both peoples.
Both parties expressed great joy
at the agreement.

Other terms of the treaty, such
as economic and agricultural trade
and foreign land interests will be
made public shortly.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (2 Apr 1902): Ito
aliens and Austrians clashed in a
three hour battle in Tyrolia yester-
day. Reports indicate that Austrian
Special Tactic Attack Brigade ground
forces ambushed Italian troops who
were entering Tyrolia to clean up
the mess left by the Pope's travel
party last year.

The Italian troops retreated back
to Venice leaving many dead and
wounded behind. No official reports
ask Austrian casualties were avail-
able, however, rumors indicate that
losses were heavy.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA (5 Sep 1902): Of-
ficials, today, commented about the
deployment of the Special Tactics
Attack Brigade forces toward Italy.
"The deployment of our S.T.A.B. for-
ces is only defensive in nature a-
gainst a purely hostile nation. It
was proven that the Italians were
plotting against us and we just
moved first, before they could strike
at us."

The Prime Rib Minister charged
that past surprises and lack of
communication imposed by Italy caused
serious concern among our topmil-
itary advisers. "Our major decia-
ion was made, as we were deeply
convinced that Italian Officials

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were talking out of both sides of their mouth while stuffing it with pizza."

"We regret that we had to use a small amount of deception, but if the Italians are so naive as to not recognize the danger signals, well ...". At this point the Minister abruptly ended his news conference with no further comment and left to the applause of all in the room.

PIROT, SERBIA (16 Oct 1902): The Commissioner of the People's Government today publically announced his "heartfelt appreciation for aiding the people of Serbia in overthrowing the former Turkish-backed oppressive government. It has been our pleasure to have been assisted by Austria in restoring our longed-for freedom. We will be forever grateful.

The Commissioner, further stated that "in order to show our appreciation, we will join with our Austrian, Russian and Bulgarian allies in the crusade against the terrible infidels of terror, the Turks."

The Serbian Army, along with the Hungarian-Austrian 3rd Army then embarked on their predestined mission of righteousness against the Turks.

AUSTRIA TO ALL: I'll be in El Paso TX at Ft. Bliss between 2 Mar and 15 Mar. So don't be disappointed if I don't reply to your wonderful communications during that time period.

1976IH -- Spring 1910 (Vote fails)

ENGLAND(Lischett): Rem F Bat. F Eng-Lon, F Iri-Mid

GERMANY(Cooper): A Mun R Kis, Rem A Par & A Mos. A Edi-Yor, F Nth S A Edi-Yor, A Kie-Den, F Nel S A Kie-Den, A Ruh-Kie, F Bel-Pic

RUSSIA(Kelly): F Yor-Edi/a/, A StP-Nwy, A Den H/a/, A Gal-Ukr, A War S A Gal-Ukr, A Boh-Gal, A Mos-Sev, F Bot-Swe

TURKEY(Verheiden): Bld A Con & F Smy. A Con-Bul, F Smy-Aeg, A Ser-Tri, A Bul-Ser, A Ven-Pie, A Bre-Par, A Gas S A Bre-Par, A Tyl S A Mun, A Mun S RUSSIAN A Boh-Sil/nso/
F Wes S F Naf-Mid, F Por S F Naf-Mid

F Naf-Mid, F Tyn & F Ion H, F Mid-Eng, F Pic S F Mid-Eng

The concession vote fails, and it is reproposed. Unanimity is required for it to pass. The game obviously will end very soon, in light of this season's moves, so maybe it would be nice to play it out all the way -- but it's up to you. Fall 1910 due March 6, 1980. No press.

NEWS FLASHES

1979L (Demo Game): This has ended in a four-way draw, at long last. It is played out in STRANGE BREW, and stats and game-end statements will appear next issue, should there be any. Thanks to all for playing. New Demonstration Game will be organized for the time being, even though I did enjoy this one a lot.

1979C (Cat-Tastrophe): This one had a lot of missed moves. Dave sent me the master, but later found a set of moves, so he'll send out the results to the players and standbys himself. Cat-Tastrophe will be back next month as strong as ever, though.

1979IK -- Spring 1902

AUSTRIA(Bassett?): No Moves Rec'd. A Tri H, A Vie H, A Bud H, A War H F Sev H, A Ser H/a/ (See Rulebook)

ENGLAND(Luckenbill): F Lvp-Iri, F Lon-Eng, F Nth-Nwy, F Bel-Nth, A Nwy-StP

FRANCE(Pax/see Civil Disorder): A Pic H, A Bur H/a/

GERMANY(Palter): A Den S ENGLISH A Nwy-Swe/nso/, A Ruh-Bur, A Mun S A Ruh-Bur, F Hol-Bel, A Kie-Ruh

ITALY(Criani): A Mar-Spa, A Pie-Mar A Ven-Pie, F Nap-Ion, F Tun-Ion

RUSSIA(Hurst): A Ukr-Gal, A Mos-War, F Sev S TURKISH A Rum

TURKEY(Browner): A Bul-Ser, A Rum S A Bul-Ser, A Con-Bul, F Bla S A Con-Bul, F Smy-Aeg

Standby for Austria is Ron Kelly, 6038 Richmond Hwy, #314, Alexandria, VA 22303. Fall 1902 due March 6 1980; I hope that H.D. will stick with this game. (See P. 10)

1979IL Propaganda Start:

ESSEN TO MILANO: Your builds indicate somewhat of a delay in your Iberian adventure. Good hunting eastward.

ESSEN TO OXFORD: Presume that you can find better uses for P Bel as per agreement.

ESSEN TO VERDUN: The trick now of course is to defend Par & Bra while waiting for the Czarina to die.

ESSEN TO ROSTOV: Presumably in regrouping your remnants the Turkish connection will prove useful.

ESSEN TO BUCHAREST: Given your builds you are either extremely obvious or extremely subtle.

ESSEN TO MT. OLYMPUS: Right now Warsaw should look awfully lonely. Just remember that the line Pru-Sil-Boh-Tyr is vacant & all will be well.

BERLIN TO MOSCOW: Remember, stay away from German soil or you'll be buried in it.

LONDON TO BERLIN: Let's go!

MOSCOW: The Ramp Tsar Thomas I, the former undertaker from Kiev, was crowned today in a gala ceremony in his slit trench on the outskirts of the city. His first words upon being crowned were, "Wha' happened? All I was doing was walking down the street minding my own business, when these soldiers came upon me and carried me away. The next thing I knew, they were raising me on a shield..." Nonetheless the new Tsar promised to do what he could to ease the plight of his beleaguered people -- even if that involved replacing the troops' muskets with breechloaders.

1979IL -- Winter 1901

(Despite my error last issue giving two 1979IL games, this is the only one by that name; beware of imitations!)

AUSTRIA(Carter): Bld A Tri & A Bud.

Also has A Ser, F Gre, A Vie

ENGLAND(Martin?): No Bld Rec'd.

Has A Nwy, F Bar, F Nth

FRANCE(Lee): Bld F Bre & F Mar.

Also has A Bel, F Eng, A Spa

GERMANY(Elliott): Blds A Bar & A Mun

also has F Den, A Hol, A Kie

ITALY(Luckenbill): Blds F Nap

Also has ATyl, A Tun, F Ion

RUSSIA(Aucott): Blds A StP. Also

has F Swe, A War, A Ukr, F Sev

TURKEY(Hurst): Bld F Smy. Also

has A Bul, A Arm, F Ank

No standby will be called for Dick, as I know he won't drop out of the game. He just forgot to send in his orders, or thought that he already did so. Spring 1902 due on March 6, 1980: Propaganda:

To: FRANCE

From: REGGIE

MY, my, Grandma! What BIG teeth you have!

To: TURKEY & RUSSIA

From: REGGIE

Baa, baa, Black Sea, have you no wool?

To: GERMANY & ITALY

From: REGGIE

It's bump and grind in the Munich beerhalls! Who started this dance craze, anyway?

RUSSIA TO TURKEY:

There once was a turkey named Tom, Who desired to be Sultan of Com

But tny as he might

For fear and for fright

His strategy was definitely a bomb.

BER TO ROM: Don't get cute. You are in danger of making more trouble for yourself than you can handle.

VIE TO MOS: We can work together if we work against our common yellow foe. If you will aid me we can come to terms.

ANK TO SEV: If you leave now we will spare your women and children. If you stay they will be sold for scrap.

Bul TO GRE: If you won't help get out of the way.

SMY TO NAP: Remember our treaty!

TURKEY TOM TO HIS PAL:

Poisoned pals with venom @ throw Ought to learn to keep tempers in tow Else they be known thru the land

As a despicable band

With sour grapes being all they can sow.

TURKEY TOM TO HIS PAL AGAIN: For your information, I wasn't bron -- I was squeezed out of a bar rag!

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1979IL Propaganda Cont'd:

TURKEY TOM TO HIS PAL ONE MORE TIME
Thank God we don't play face to face!
With your temper and such lack of grace
I know how you'd "win"
You'd start screaming and then
We'd fall over ourselves leaving the
place.

ISTANBUL: Sultan Abed-A-Thamas, alias Turkey Tom, stated today that he has been long aware of the Tsar's interest in the Turkish fertilizer industry. He further stated that he couldn't understand why the Tsar feels the way he does. "After all," the Sultan said, "all we do is recycle the stuff he sends over." He went on to say that he expects another shipment shortly. -- T.N.T.

MOSKOW: The reason for the Tsar's howling rages which have been terrorising the member of the royal family (and no one else), brought on by trying to gobble too much Tom Turkey (or is it Turkey Tom!). The condition is aggravated by choking down the bile which arises in his throat when he doesn't get the size helping that he wants. Physicians in the Kremlin have diagnosed the case as terminal. -- T.N.T.

TURKEY TO AUSTRIA: I suggest you check with other Heads of State re: Russian intentions before you commit yourself to foolish plans.

BREST: In order to help the Royal English Navy in their effort to support the Russians, a fleet has been build in Brest and will move north soon. Our English allies will surely overlook it as they did the fleet in the English Channel.

PARIS TO LONDON: Your request that we do not build an army in Brest (as it will be conveyed to Wales) has been received and faithfully executed.

BARENTS: Waht am I doing here?

LONDON TO WORLD: Help!

BUCHAREST: Premier Idsve Gheorghierii today offered his warmest thanks to the governments of Austria and Turkey for their assistance in defending the independence of the Rumanian people. The premier was quoted as adding "It is gratifying to see that the world is beginning to support the right of self-determination of lesser countries a-

gainst the imperialist superpowers. I now feel confident that, should the Russian warmongers ever invade another Thord World country, the wear would immediately come to its aid." Afghanistan has reportedly also signed a mutual defense treaty with Turkey and Austria-Hungary.

MPRE OVERSTUFFED RECLINER

BOARDMAN NUMBER CUSTODIANSHIP

Dennis & Bernie Agosta have transferred the Boardman Numbers in a relatively smooth way to the able hands of Lee Kendter Sr, 4347 Benner Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135. Donations of \$1 are again being asked for the assignment of a BN, and I support this. The Custodian works a great deal more than you can imagine on these little buggers (especially since the Agostas have not published Everything in a long time, and there are oddies of games to print up) and definitely deserves to at least come close to breaking even. (Sending out Everything does cost a bit of cash, since there are few subscriptions to it, but a huge amount of trades.) Lee has already sent me Boardman Numbers for the last two EGGNOG games to start for a long time.

GERMAN SPEAKING GAME

Right after publication time last issue, this one filled up. Next issue you will see Spring 1901 of this game, with German press, etc. We even have a standby! What luxury in such a game! Playing are... well, you'll see next issue anyway.

SPEAKING OF NEXT ISSUE...

If I would have had to print the Cat-Tastrophe issue sent to me by Dave Whitem our resident nut-house candidate, then what follows would have been in this issue, not the next. I would have had to go to 14 pages, and once I'm there, I'm in a new stamp price range, virtually doubled, and I would have filled out the issue to 20 pages so that you suckers could pay for

The Overstuffed Recliner Cont'd:

It again, as in the past. Gux, with so many subbers and traders, I wasn't going to pay for all of that postage by myself. Paper, fine, and masters also fine, but postage, no! So...next issue will have a lengthy (or semi-so) political article by me (a first and last for EGCNOG -- seems I've been a bit his-quoted elsewhere, and I have to set the record straight on what I think of our friend the peanut-brain...uh, I mean peanut-farmer!), an article on playing styles and reputations of same which was promised last issue, game-end statements and statistics for our Demonstration Game 1979I, with a brief synopsis of the game by our analyst Eric Verheiden, an editorial on the state of the hobby, at least some short mention of how a face-to-face game at Dwayne Shreve's this coming Sunday (the 10th) will/went, our spiffy little letter column, the totally absorbing heading which none of you would ever want to miss, our regular, ranof the mill normal games with the outrageous and lengthy press found only here, The Overstuffed Recliner, possible the end-game stats of 1976IH, and plenty more. As you can see, it will be a big issue. (There's also an article I seem to have written almost exactly one year ago on forging letters which never got printed in here, and I don't know why...so maybe that will come out into the open, too. The input on that from the readers should be pretty good, there.) So I hope that by now you're all looking forward to EGCNOG #42-43 in four weeks.

IS THERE SOMETHING MISSING IN THIS?

I have this nagging feeling today... maybe it's just that it's only 10 p.m. tonight instead of 3 am tomorrow, which is the time I'm normally done typing an EGCNOG issue...

EVENTUAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Now it can be told! Remember in the fall when I was out east for a week or ten days, right after I returned from my six-week German trip? (Remember when Uli did all of the EGCNOG Enterprises and Crossroads Press business? You'd rather not?) well, back then I was looking into some colleges, Princeton, U. of Penn at Philly, Haverford, William & Mary, and Georgetown were the lucky ones. I really liked Georgetown, and thought Princeton and U. of Penn were nice too, but applied to the former Early Decision, to the Business School indicating my intended major (projected) to be International Business Management (wishful thinking!). Well, I guess that next fall I'll have a COA, to Washington D.C. At least there'll be more Dippy players out there! (And yes, I'll retain control over all of my Diplomacy activities while I'm there, and will not give anything of value to Uli (I know him too well). One player asked that (John Kador); don't worry. I'll consolidate most of my work under EGCNOG's roof (thisazine would be the last to go in an emergency outback), but life will go on as usual here through college.

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Kelly & Ozog needed as
standbys this issue!

A mere ten pages (oops...12,
you stupid fool!) against
what could have been (see P.12)

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